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to a network policy to define Diffserv treatment of aggregated traffic. Applicants find no portion of Chen that discloses or suggests an equivalent to a network policy that is configured to define the Diffserv treatment of aggregated traffic. Accordingly, Chen does not disclose all of the limitations of applicants' independent claims.

Also, with regard to independent Claim 5 and dependent Claims 15, 16, 22, and 23, Chen does not disclose or suggest generating device neutral information associated with a mapping policy and/or customer policy. The OA indicates that dependent Claims 15, 16, 22, and 23 are substantially similar to Claims 7 and 8 and are therefore rejected under the same basis. However, Claims 7 and 8 do not refer to device neutral information. Moreover, the portions of Chen cited against Claims 7 and 8 do not disclose or suggest device neutral information. Applicants do not find any reference to device neutral information in Chen. Thus, Chen does not disclose all of the limitations of independent Claim 5 and dependent Claims 15, 16, 22, and 23.

Despite the distinctions above, applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 5, 11, 14, and 21 to clarify that an interface of a policy target is assigned a role name that is associated with the customer policy. Support is found throughout the specification, including at page 7, lines 5-8 and page 13, lines 11-21. Chen does not disclose or suggest a role name or an association with a policy target interface.

For the reasons above, the rejection of independent Claims 1, 5, 11, 14, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) should be withdrawn. Also, it is well established that dependent claims are considered to include all of the elements of the independent claims from which the dependent claims depend. Thus, dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as their corresponding independent claims. Accordingly, the rejection of dependent Claims 2-4, 6-10, 12, 13, 15-20, and 22-27 should also be withdrawn.

The 35 U.S.C. §103 rejection of Claims 9, 17, and 24:

Section 6 of the OA rejected Claims 9, 17, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen in view of Goguen et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,665,273, hereinafter referred to

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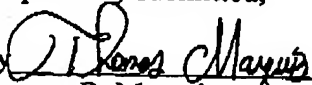
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as Goguen). Goguen is directed to a MPLS system that determines actual traffic flow within a traffic engineering (TE) tunnel and dynamically adjust bandwidth to reflect the actual traffic flow. (See Giniger, abstract). Goguen does not disclose or suggest the limitations that are missing from Chen as discussed above with regard to the independent claims. Thus, applicants respectfully disagree that Chen and Goguen disclose or suggests all of the elements of the amended independent claims. Accordingly, the rejection of dependent Claims 9, 17, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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